

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

George Robert QUINTERO

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No.:

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF


21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

Importation of a Controlled Substance
(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

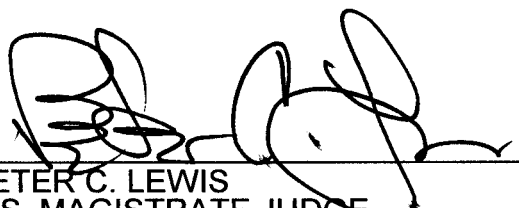
On or about July 8, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant George Robert QUINTERO did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 11.44 Kilograms (25.16 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.



Douglas A. Struckmeyer
Special Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs
Enforcement

SWORN TO, BEFORE ME, AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 9th
DAY OF JULY, 2008.



PETER C. LEWIS
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

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5 This complaint is based upon the personal observations, investigation and
6 information provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent
7 Douglas Struckmeyer.

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9 On July 8, 2008, George Robert QUINTERO entered the United States at the
10 Calexico, California, West Port of Entry. QUINTERO was the driver and sole occupant
11 of a 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee registered in his name. Customs and Border
12 Protection Officer (CBPO) J. Toledo conducted a primary inspection of QUINTERO and
13 the vehicle. CBPO Toledo received a negative Customs declaration from QUINTERO.
14 Based on observations made during the primary inspection, CBPO Toledo referred
15 QUINTERO and the vehicle to the secondary inspection area for further inspection.
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17 CBPO Flores encountered QUINTERO and the vehicle in the secondary
18 inspection area. CBPO Flores received a negative Customs declaration from
19 QUINTERO. At that time, Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) Leon was screening the
20 vehicle with his Narcotic Detector Dog (NDD). CEO Leon's NDD alerted to the right
21 rear tire, indicating the presence of the odor of a controlled substance in that area.
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24 QUINTERO was escorted to the Vehicle Secondary office and his vehicle was
25 searched more thoroughly. CBPO Flores noticed that the lug nuts of the right rear tire
26 had scratches on them, indicating that they had recently been removed. CBPO Flores
27 cut open the tire and found 29 packages concealed within the tire. The packages
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1 contained a green leafy substance which field-tested positive for marijuana. The total
2 weight of the packages was 11.44 Kilograms (25.16 pounds).

3 Special Agent (SA) D. Struckmeyer advised QUINTERO of his rights per
4 Miranda. QUINTERO stated he understood his rights and was willing to answer
5 questions without the presence of an attorney.
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7 QUINTERO stated he was hired to smuggle the marijuana into the United States
8 by a man named Jose LOPEZ. He said that he was supposed to drive the vehicle to
9 the McDonalds in Calexico, California, where it would be picked up by an unknown
10 person. QUINTERO said that he was going to be paid \$700 for smuggling the
11 marijuana into the United States.
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